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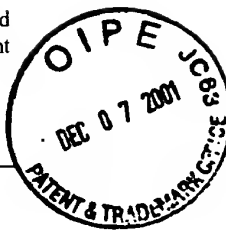
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Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A8 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

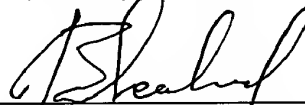
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Respectfully submitted,



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